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## Name Chosen For Hotel

Four hundred and seventy eight names were submitted in the contest to name the new Irma Hotel.

The committee consisting of C. Jones, W. Frickleton and W. Symington have chosen the name, which is the Gratton View Hotel. This name was entered by two separate contestants, Miss Jean Larson and Mr. Bob Dempsey. The \$200 prize money will be divided between Miss Larson and Mr. Dempsey.

## Kinsella and District News Items

Visitors to Edmonton during last week included Mrs. W. Brown, Mrs. A. Barker, Mrs. A. Loades and Greg.

Miss Eunice Gayler celebrated her sixth birthday by entertaining her friends to a party.

Mr. J. Johnston has returned home after spending several months at his home in Norway.

Mike Rawluk and Bob Bovenkamp who have been holidaying in B.C. to escape our Alberta weather have returned home, not so much impressed with B.C. weather, in fact they say, "We dug our way through the Crow's Nest Pass?"

The Ladies Aid will meet on Thursday, February 2 at 3 p.m. in the United Church.

## Easterly Echoes

Mr. Wm. Dootson was a business visitor in the city the first of the week. While there he took in the Ice Follies of 1950 and reports it as a grand show.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tindall were delegates to the Farmer's Union meeting in Winnipeg. Mr. Tindall acting in his capacity as Director of the AFU.

At the meeting of the Battle River W.I. held at the home of Mrs. W. Sanders the members held a kitchen shower for Mrs. Harold Pascha who recently lost most of her kitchen equipment by fire.

Mrs. Van Dyck spent last Sunday visiting friends in Edmonton. Miss Aafin and Margaret Van Dyck spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Stougaard and Julius.

Donald Sanders was a patient in the Wainwright hospital.

## January 1950

Alone in cold and silence, alone with snow and storm. My thoughts go probing, probing to memories that are warm. The things that I remember are safely stored away.

And naught can take them from me this dismal winter day. What tho I am disabled and useless in the strife.

Once I had hope, ambition, to press ahead in life. Now I am old and careworn—I have no more strength to cope with nothing left a unit to struggle write sorrow's scope.

If I can but reach the haven that opens out of this life! For now I am neither daughter beloved nor mother nor wife. And all of the cadences simple that yesterday sweetened my soul.

Have vanished and left a stillness that never can I unroll; I am worn with the heavy struggle—too tired to try any more—I would not linger a moment if I could escape to the shore.

Where hours of unlonely moments could yield a restful peace. And loneliness abysmal would once and forever cease.

So, when I have finished writing and dusted each table and chair I'll pray the Heavenly Father for rest in celestial air.

—Nancy O. Parke.

Canadians smoke approximately sixteen billion cigarettes a year, and pay \$170,000,000 in federal taxes on these cigarettes.

## Viking Frig Spiel Winners Bonspiel Off To Fine Start



Pictured above are the personnel of the rink that won the Refrigerators at the Viking Frig Spiel. Reading from left to right: B. Cumberland, skip; J. Adamson, third; R. Cooper, second; R. Abbott, lead. Other winners in the frigid playdowns were the Cecil Runyon rink of Vikings; Bert Robertson of the Granite rink, Edmonton; Sam Black, Holden; Dick Rake of Camrose; Billy Rose of Sedgewick and Tommy Couborn of Daysland, all of whom received the well known Caldwell Jumbo Curling Sweaters. Bob Thunell of Viking trimmed the club mate Shub Trueman to take the consolation event. The Dobry foursome of Vikings were third and the Bennett rink of Killam fourth in this event. The Kirkman and E. Jones rinks of Irma participated, but missed winning any of the prizes. Better luck next time!

## Announcement

EDMONTON, January—Second Annual Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament, sponsored by the Edmonton Bulletin, will be held at the Stock Pavilion here, February 23-24, it was announced Friday.

Tournament is open to all Amateur Boxers resident in Alberta. It has the sanction of the Alberta Branch, Amateur Athletic Union of Canada. All competitors will be required to hold amateur cards.

Champions will be declared in all the popular divisions, from the heavyweight down.

Outstanding Boxer will be awarded the title of Golden Boy, a beautiful trophy going with the distinction.

Entries may be sent to the Sports Department, Edmonton Bulletin. Closing date will be Monday, February 20.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Meeting of the Electors of the Village of Irma will be held in Hedley's Hall, Monday, the 13th day of February, 1950, at 8:30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Mayor, Secretary-Treasurer, Auditor and Chairman of the various Committees of Council for the year ending thirty-first day of December, 1949.

Dated at Irma this 4th day of February, 1950.

—A. C. Charter, Sec.-Treas.

## DON'T SHIP FURS WITHOUT PERMIT

Officials of the Lands and Forest Department this week reminded residents of the province that certain fur products are being confiscated needlessly.

Shipments of such fur as weasel, skunk, coyote, badger, and other similar furs usually taken by farmers and young residents of the province are frequently being shipped to Regina and other places out of Alberta without export permits. When these furs are inspected by officials in Saskatchewan and found to be lacking the necessary export permits they are then shipped to Alberta Government officials. The furs are then handled by the provincial authorities because they cannot be returned to their owners as there are no identification marks.

Government officials are anxious to inform all concerned that the required export permits may be obtained free of charge from any game officer, license vendor, or R.C.M.P. official.

## Be Careful Of Screenings

Because of the short crop and lower than normal feed supplies, weed seed screenings are being fed to livestock in many parts of the Province. Although screenings may have a fair feed value, they are definitely dangerous from the standpoint of new weed infestations unless they are very carefully handled. Screenings shipped in from some other part of the Province may start a whole new weed problem in the district where they are fed.

G. R. Sterling, Supervisor of Soil Conservation and Weed Control, Alberta Department of Agriculture, reminds us that as far as the feeding of screenings is concerned, the Noxious Weeds Act states that no screenings shall be used as feed for livestock unless they are used within an enclosure, which shall be subject to the approval of a weed inspector. A big step towards protection is to have your weed inspector or field supervisor check and advise on the feed lot you intend to use. Keep in mind that many weed seeds fed to livestock pass through the animals unharmed. If livestock are allowed to roam around or the fresh manure is scattered on farm land, you will have a problem right there. Manure from feed lots should be allowed to rot before being applied to farm land as fertilizer.

Then there is this matter of care in hauling. Another clause in the Noxious Weeds Act has to do with operation of vehicles and machinery on the highways in the prevention of scattering weeds. In effect, it says that no one shall operate any vehicle or machinery on any road in such a manner that seeds of noxious weeds shall be scattered on the road. If you are hauling screenings see that the box is tight, and keep it covered to prevent weed seeds from falling on the road or blowing onto fields along the roadside.

## Notice of Meeting

A Cancer Meeting will be held in Irma on Saturday, February 11. There will be a program of entertainment, films and a lecture concerning Cancer. Mr. Talbot of Calgary will show the films on Cancer. The public are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting. It will be educational as far as Cancer is concerned.

The rivers in the greater part of Canada drain into Hudson Bay and the Arctic Ocean.

## Jr. Wheat Club Organized

Despite the miserably cold windy day a very successful meeting was held in the office of the Popl Elevator.

The result of the meeting was a fully organized Irma Junior Wheat Club, with a membership of 18 boys and 2 girls.

The following officers were elected for the first year: President, Jack MacKay; Vice-President, Norris Tomlinson; Secretary, Melvin Dawson.

The District Agriculturist was not able to be present at the meeting, but he intends to meet them at a meeting to be held sometime in April.

## Lady Missionary To Speak Here

Miss Anne Copithorne, trained nurse and missionary worker among the Lepers of Angia, Africa, will speak in the Irma United Church on Sunday, Feb. 5. Miss Copithorne will speak at the Sunday School session in the morning and again at the evening Church service.

## Glen-Coa Gleanings

Some of our gleanings are a week overdue owing to weather conditions.

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. A. Badry who are the proud parents of a little son, born at Hardisty hospital on Jan. 15.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. E. R. Erickson home again from Edmonton where she has been convalescing for some time.

Mr. O. Lovig is also home again from Hardisty hospital.

Mrs. A. Reitan has been very ill at Hardisty hospital. We believe the latest news is that she is now progressing favorably. Her children gathered around her recently, including Mrs. Wesley from Boyle, Irvin from Birth Hills, Sask., and Kenneth from Calgary.

We hear Glenholm pupils had a very welcome holiday last week during those cold, cold days. Apparently blocked roads were the cause. Several of the pupils are at home with chicken-pox, it just suited everyone fine, didn't it?

We trust the laborious work of the snow plow is not in vain this week as it was last. No sooner were the roads cleared out, when presto, they were all filled up again.



## REFITTING FOR ST. LAWRENCE SERVICE

Next May 9 the 26,000-ton Empress of Scotland, which before the war operated as the Empress of Japan and was the largest and fastest passenger vessel on the Pacific Ocean, will sail from Liverpool for Greenock, Scotland and Quebec City on her first post-war peacetime service voyage. This addition to Canadian Pacific Steamships' transatlantic fleet will enable the company to provide a weekly service by Empress liners on the St. Lawrence route to the United Kingdom. The above photo gives some idea of the magnitude of work being done at the Fairfield Shipbuilding Yard, Govan, Scotland, where a two-year reconditioning to Empress luxury standards after 2 1/2 years of enviable war service is now being finished. The Empress of Scotland will carry 663 passengers.

## Church News

UNITED CHURCH  
Sunday, Feb. 5  
Sunday School—11 a.m.  
Worship Service—7:30 p.m.

Miss Anne Copithorne, Missionary from Africa will be at both services. Come and hear about missions in Africa.

Matt. 28:19. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Minister—Rev. H. W. Inglis.

## WAINWRIGHT CLINIC

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Irma Office

Every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments to be made at IRMA DRUGS

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Perhaps something good will come out of the restricted train service instituted by the new president of the Canadian National Railways, Mr. Donald Gordon. It has been pointed out by some papers that the reduced service is the direct cause of the people's apathy toward the CNR and not wholly the lack of coal. Many people use their cars, trucks, or the buses instead of the railway's facilities, thus cutting down the revenue that once the railway enjoyed. Passenger, express and freight shipments have been cut down with the building of highways right along the route of the railroads. The CNR is big business, in fact the system belongs to the people of Canada and any deficit in the operation of the system will have to come out of the general funds of the dominion treasury. Just what can be done about it is left to such great minds as possessed by Mr. Gordon and his associates. An educational campaign directed to the people of Canada to use their own railroad is in order. Mr. Gordon has a big job. Give the big boy a chance.







## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

## The Note In The Purse

Maybe There Was A Purpose To All This.

By HAROLD HELFER

SAM looked at the note again. The writing had been scrawled in haste and perhaps in anguish. But the meaning was starkly clear: "To whom it may concern, if anyone: I am taking my own life. I want the least expensive burial possible. I don't want to be a burden. God bless all who have shown me kindness. Charlotte Day."

Sam was hurrying, he was almost in a run. In the purse he had stolen there was an identification card bearing the name Charlotte Day and an address in the boarding house section near the waterfront. Sam kept seeing a body swirling in the river.

He wished he had opened it right away in an alley, instead of waiting until he had got home. Now, every minute, every second, might count. This was the first time in twenty years that anything like this had happened to him. He had been about to pocket the \$17.50—which wasn't a bad take—and destroy the note. Then, all of a sudden, its significance burst on him. He'd grabbed his hat. In the dark of the theatre, he couldn't be sure what Charlotte Day looked like. He had the impression that she wore glasses. That didn't matter though. He had taken the purse from the seat beside her, had read the note and now he must find her—quick.

"Damn women who are careless about their purses!" On Sundays, when church bells tolled, Sam sometimes damned his calling. Maybe there was a purpose to all this. If it led up to saving a life, perhaps his shoddy existence was worth while...

At first he had thought of returning the purse without the money—saying that he had found it empty. Now he knew he was going to give it back, every cent. The lines "I want the least expensive burial possible" and "I don't want to be a burden" made him heart sick. Evidently

Charlotte Day was precise in money matters. No doubt, it had something to do with her decision. Not to get the money back might hasten the moment of the act. Getting it back might make her feel so good that she'd forget about ending it all...

Sam's heart skipped a beat at the address. A sign said "Room & Board."

"Third floor, second door left," the landlady croaked, and Sam hurried up.

The door was opened by a bespectacled woman of not uncertain years, with earrings. "You Charlotte Day?" Sam asked, trying to be calm.

"Yes?"

"I found your purse."

"Oh, thank you, thank you so much!" Maybe she was going to break down. He said, "Lady, I couldn't help but read the note. I've had my share of the blues. But, things have a way of straightening out. I knew a guy once, everybody used to call him Timber because he had a wooden leg and one time..."

Sam talked on like that for an hour. He didn't know he had it in him. He was kind. He was gentle. He was fatherly. He pleaded, he argued, he made little jokes.

When he was through, Charlotte Day got out the note and said, "You're right. I was foolish. I am truly grateful." And she tore it up, envelope and all.

Going home, Sam felt a wonderful glow.

After he left, Charlotte Day thoughtfully scowled another note, word for word that of the original. She put it into her purse. Then her roommate came in.

"Guess what, Emily, my purse got away from me again but I got it back, every cent. This is the third time this year. This man was something of a drip. Not nearly as nice as the taxi driver. He kept at his corny philosophy for an hour. I thought he'd never go."

"But it's a swell system and it works!"

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## Makes Trip From Churchill To The Pas By Dog Team

THE PAS, Man.—Walter Fidler, stocky dog handler who will compete in the Manitoba Trappers' festival championship race, mixed with The Pas after a gruelling 500-mile trip from Churchill. It was the first time in 20 years that the trip from Churchill to The Pas has been made by dog team. The trip took a month, with Fidler resting his dogs along the route.

## SELECTED RECIPES

## BRAISED LIVER WITH VEGETABLES

One pound beef liver  
4 tablespoons flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon fat  
1 can tomatoes  
2 onions sliced  
1 cup diced celery  
carrots sliced  
Cut liver in small pieces. Dip in flour mixed with salt. Brown sliced onions in fat. Add liver and brown on both sides. Add vegetables, cover and cook slowly until tender, about half an hour.

## STEAMED PUDDING

2 cups grated raw potato  
1/2 cup butter  
1/2 cup flour  
1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon cloves  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon soda dissolved in the potatoes  
Cream butter and sugar, add spices and salt, then potatoes and flour. Steam 3 hours. Serve with hard or soft sauce. Re-heat when served.

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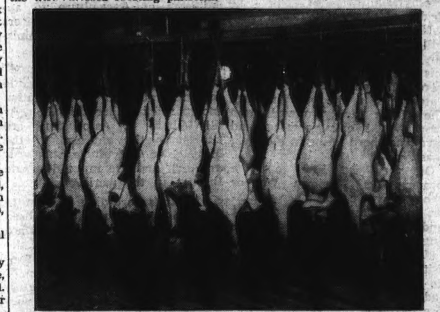
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## Turkeys For Market



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A ton of Broad Breasted Bronze turkeys, one day's kill on Mr. H. A. Craig's farm at Clover Bar, near Edmonton, Alta.

## Farmers Assisting Nature On Land

CLIMAX, Sask.—O. R. Hunt and George Brown, two progressive farmers of Climax district, have decided to assist nature by holding snow on their summerfallow land.

Using home-built snowplows, they are plowing ridges of snow at regular distances across the summerfallow land. These ridges act as snow fences and keep an even distribution of snow on the land which they expect will provide ample moisture to give a good start to the spring-sown crops.

"They also used their plows to keep the roads open for themselves and neighbors from their farms to town."

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## Says Northern Farmers Destroy Fertility Of Soil

SASKATOON.—A. E. Wilson, superintendent of Melfort experimental farm, said farmers in the northern park belt were destroying fertility and losing top soil by the same destructive tillage methods used in southern areas.

But they were doing it at a more alarming rate because the grey wood soil of the park belt would not stand as much abuse as prairie soil. Large crops in northeast Saskatchewan, he said had led to the belief that there was abundant moisture and good soil all through the park belt. He told the agriculture representatives' conference the annual rainfall was not much more than at Swift Current, though evaporation was greater in the south.

In their hurry "to cash farm" the land, he said, northern farmers are uprooting bush with bulldozers and reducing the water levels in the soil, thus hastening the same conditions.

## Train Runs Into Herd Of Antelope

LETHBRIDGE.—A freight train recently ran into a herd of foraging antelope, killing 23 of the animals, near Bow Island, Alta., about 75 miles east of here. The antelope herd was crossing the right-of-way at the time. Police said herds are moving south because there is no feed in the Bow Island area.

PROBE SOUGHT  
EDMONTON.—City Council has demanded that the Federal Government appoint a fact-finding committee before choosing a route for the Trans-Canada Highway.

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## Western Briefs

URGE TO BOLSTER EGGS  
REGINA.—Saskatchewan Federation of Agriculture passed a resolution asking the Federal Government to bolster egg prices pending creation of a permanent marketing plan. The resolution said the poultry industry is facing the danger of a drastic price slump.

MAY BID FOR GAMES  
VANCOUVER.—Vancouver may make a bid for the 1954 British Empire Games. Mayor Charles Thompson prepared to call a meeting of all sports organizations to consider the possibilities of Vancouver staging the Games.

CARVED COAT OF ARMS  
REGINA.—Henri Ganier, the sculptor who carved the coat of arms above the main entrance of Regina's federal building, has been at work again in the city. This time the product of his labors won't be staying in Saskatchewan but will soon be shipped to the University of Alberta to be placed above the main doorway of the Student Union building.

HIT ESKIMOS  
EDMONTON.—Hard times, brought on by lower fur prices, have hit Eskimos in the Canadian north, Archbishop D. B. Marsh, commissary for the Anglican Diocese of the Arctic, said here.

PLAN CLASSES FOR D.F.'s  
FLIN FLON, Man.—The north of 53 Trades and Labor council sponsored a meeting of D.F.'s interested in learning English. It is understood teachers have indicated their willingness to conduct classes for the benefit of those desirous of taking advantage of this opportunity to learning the English language.

SNOW BILL PILING UP  
VICTORIA.—Provincial Works Department is piling up its biggest snow removal bill in history this winter. Works Minister Carson said that cost to the government of keeping 25,000 miles of highway and byways open to traffic during recent storms would dwarf all previous annual costs. He did not care to guess what the actual bill would be.

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COAL IN ALBERTA  
EDMONTON.—An Alberta government official said the province has potential coal reserves big enough to fuel the whole Canadian railway system but they have not been developed sufficiently to help to any great extent in the present shortage.

DELINQUENT IN PAYING  
SASKATOON, Sask.—More than a fifth of Saskatchewan's taxpayers were delinquent in paying their hospitalization taxes, officials reported. About 23 per cent. still owed the tax after the payment deadline.

Pa's proud of my MAGIC cakes!

Magic Ice-Box Cake

Combine 1/2 c. melted shortening and 1 c. light cream. Beat in eggs till together. Add 1/2 c. sifted flour, 4 tps. Magic Baking Powder, 1/2 tsp. salt; add alternately with 1/2 c. milk and 1 tsp. vanilla extract to first mixture stirring well after each addition. Bake in greased 9" layer pans in 350° oven 25-30 mins. Cool, halve each layer lengthwise splitting 1/2 layers.

LEMON FILLING: Blend 1/2 c. flour with 1/2 c. water to make smooth paste. Add 1/2 c. water and 1/2 c. corn syrup. Cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Beat egg yolk; gradually add cooled mixture to it. Return to heat; cook 1 min. Stir in 1/2 c. lemon rind, few grains salt and 1/2 c. juice. Spread filling between layers and on top of cake. Chill. Top with white icing.

MAGIC BAKING POWDER

—By Les Carroll



—By Chuck Thurston





## Home Test For Germination

In areas of Alberta where severe frosts were experienced last fall, germination of oats and barley should be tested before seeding. Here is a simple and inexpensive way to make this test in your own home.

Fill a flower pot with damp earth. In it plant one hundred seeds one inch deep and place the pot in the kitchen window for 12 days. The number of seedlings

which have emerged by the end of the twelve days will give you the percentage germination. To get a more accurate germination percentage it is a good idea to make tests in two or three pots at the same time and average the results.

If the germination is below 65 to 70 per cent it is advisable to replace the seed. As the supply of oats and barley suitable for seed this year is rather limited, farmers should check the germination of their grain right away so that if new seed is required it can still be obtained.

### DUAL ROLES



Stars of the new comedy show Apartment 113 (Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Dominion), are Beth Lockerbie (left) and Sandra Scott who, coincidentally, are cast as radio actresses in the program. Apartment 113 in the Frantic Arms Apartment House is the scene of the domestic adventures of two many sisters. Frazee and Donna Kimbel, who have been in radio just over a year. Sharing the apartment is Mankowitz, a fierce-looking but friendly Great Dane watch-dog.

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## Locals

We are glad to report that Bobbie Anne Kirkman is home from hospital and is feeling much better.

Albert Sonoff of Viking was a recent visitor to his home here.

Those of us who survived the coldest January on record may feel a trifle proud of ourselves, but, nevertheless, moderating temperatures suit us all much better. Now we are beginning to get ourselves thawed out and we are still faced with the task of digging ourselves out.

Be sure and hear Miss Anne Copithorne, returned Missionary from Africa. Miss Copithorne will speak in the Irma United Church in the morning and again at the evening service this Sunday, Feb. 5.

A number of ladies from Irma will be attending the Missionary Presbyterial held at Holden on Friday of this week.

Many old timers in this district will be sorry to know that both Mr. and Mrs. Hatch passed away this December. Mr. and Mrs. Hatch were well known here where Mr. Hatch was in the butcher shop. The Hatch family moved from Irma about twenty years ago and have since been living at the West Coast.

Our very best wishes go to the former Miss Marjorie Webber whose marriage took place at Castor on January 30. How about sending us an account of the wedding for the Times, Marjorie?

Mrs. A. Cairns has just had a visit from her sister who lives in the Yukon. This Northern visitor made the greater part of the trip here by plane.

The Irma High School Students Union are holding a skating carnival in February. Watch for date in next issue.

The CCIT girls will make their annual canvas to get funds to help the church. Canvas to take place February 5 to 12.

## Want Ads

**FARM FOR SALE** — 640 acres. 400 under cultivation. 10 miles south of Irma on School Bus route to Irma. 150 acres sown to Fall Rye. 75 Summer Fallow. 40 Fall Plowed. 135 Stubble. Considerable prairie to break. Soil Sandy Loam to heavy black. Buildings: School House hard wood floor. Barn, 14x26. Coal shed. No crop failures. Price \$7000.00. James A. Bell, RR3, Irma, Alberta.

**RIFLES AT WHOLESALE PRICES.** 303 Lee Enfield converted sporting models; high power precision repeaters; 10 shot detachable magazine; barrel up to 30 inches; excellent condition; guaranteed; \$37.50 each. Also unconverted military models in good condition, \$27.50 each. Will ship C.O.D. Write: Sportsman's Wholesale Supply, 2098 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal 25, Que. 27-3c

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## Kieter's Shows

Friday, February 3 8:40 p.m.  
"Strike it Rich"  
Starring Rod Cameron and Bonita Granville (Family)

Friday, February 10 (Family)  
"Tarzan and the Mermaid"  
Starring Johnny Weissmuller and Brenda Joyce

## Revised Act For Purebred Records

With the experience of half a century in purebred livestock recording, Canada has again taken the leadership in this field as evidenced in the revised Live Stock Pedigree Act passed by last session of Parliament.

In 1900, the first Live Stock Pedigree Act which controlled the registration of all Canadian purebred livestock, was enacted. Revisions of the Act have been made on various occasions; the 1949 edition replacing the Act of 1932 on December 10, 1949. The revisions in the Act make it more effective and clarify relations of the breed associations with their joint co-operative recording body, the Canadian National Live Stock Records. Provision is made for the Minister of Agriculture to approve Chief Registration Officers to represent him in the administration of the Act.

The Act states that "Purebred" means registered in, or eligible for registration in, an Association incorporated under this Act. As all bylaws of Associations are subject to the approval of the Minister of Agriculture, standards are high and are in good repute throughout the world.

Livestock recording is open to all who wish to record purebred animals providing the animals are eligible for registration and the owners are in good standing. Provision is made for registration of breeds not sufficiently large in numbers to come under an Association of their own. This is done under a General Stud and Herd Book Association managed by the Record Committee.

Offences under the Act now include the selling of an animal as purebred which is not properly identified; selling as purebred and failing to give a properly transferred Certificate of Registration; giving false statements in applying for Registration. Use of the name of an Association or of the Canadian National Live Stock Records unless authorized, is an offence as is the violation of any of the provisions of the Act not specifically mentioned.

## Viking Items

At the Wainwright Bonspiel held January 23, 24 and 25 on nine sheets of ice, a Viking quartette consisting of Vince Slavik, Lumir Dobry, Jim Collins and Alvin Golka managed to win the tournament's Jack Heaton on an Edmonton Fight Card Monday night. Gordon is steadily improving and is proving quite popular with Edmonton fight fans.

Viking's colorful mitt artist, Gordon "Killer" Gray, managed to earn a split decision over Edmonton's Jack Heaton on an Edmonton Fight Card Monday night. Gordon is steadily improving and is proving quite popular with Edmonton fight fans.

Thirty-seven ladies of Viking and district were initiated into the newly organized Royal Purple Lodge No. 122 on Friday, January 27 by district deputy Lady Grosland of the Holden Royal Purple Lodge assisted by ten sister members of her lodge. The program began at 1:30 p.m. with registration. At 3 p.m. the lodge was instituted and election of officers held. The following slate of officers was elected:

The final chapter in the tragedy that cost the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. D. Sinclair was written when the double funeral of this venerable couple was held from the Viking United Church on Tuesday, January 24, at 2 p.m. The Rev. F. Foster conducting the last rites. Friends and neighbors gathered in the church to pay their last respects to these pioneer people who homesteaded fourteen miles northeast of town in 1909. The well known hymn "Abide With Me" was sung by the congregation, and the choir sang an appropriate number. Pall bearers were Messrs. Joe Johnston, Wm. Johnston, Tom Johnston, L. Little, Jas. A. Craig, and Ole Boras. Burial took place in the Viking cemetery.

Mr. Gordon Halso, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Halso of Viking, is one of 65 students from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., leaving on Saturday, January 2 for a two-week trip with the St. Olaf Choir. This year's concert tour will take the choir on a swing through the Middle West, and will mean 16 concerts in cities in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri and Iowa.

## Alberta Treasury Branches

Banking Services of Government Extended Throughout Province in Eleven Years of Operation

All over Alberta, from the international border to beyond Peace River, from the eastern fringe of British Columbia to Lloydminster, straddling the Saskatchewan boundary, the Provincial Treasury Branch has become a familiar landmark.

There are now operating some 45 branches, seven sub-branches and 108 agencies.

The system is a product of the depression years when chartered banks, among their economies, were closing their less profitable branches, leaving thousands of farmers, small business and private individuals without banking service.

It was in the closing days of September, 1938, that the first six Treasury Branches were opened and, in spite of the difficult war years, had grown by 1945 until there were 32 branches, 5 sub-branches and numerous agencies in operation with deposits of approximately \$6,500,000.

In 1943 the system entered the loaning field and steadily progressed in all departments, with the result that by March, 1949, the number of branches had increased to the figure already given and deposits had reached \$32,000,000 and loans \$10,000,000.

### Banking Services Offered

Although not "banks" within the meaning of the Dominion Bank Act and not spoken of as such, the Treasury Branches can best be described by comparing them with a system of branch banks, operating on a similar basis, performing most of the same functions and rendering nearly all of the same services plus many that cannot be obtained from banks.

Current and savings accounts are operated in the same manner as at a chartered bank, the Treasury Branches accepting from the public deposits of currency and cheques. Funds on deposit can be withdrawn at any time by depositors in cash or by the issue of cash orders or transfer vouchers. A "cash order" (the Treasury Branch name for a cheque) has the same use and the same free circulation as a bank cheque. It is readily acceptable in any part of Canada where the issuer or endorser is known. To illustrate the extent to which Alberta business is transacted by this means, it may be stated that 215,000 payments were made in a single month last year by Treasury Branch cash orders and transfer vouchers.

### 56,000 Depositors

There are two types of savings accounts: "demand-savings" from which funds can be withdrawn at any time and on which interest is paid at the rate of 1½ per cent, and "term savings" in which deposits are left for a minimum of one year and on which interest is paid at 2 per cent per annum. More than \$33,000,000 is on deposit in Treasury Branches belonging to over 56,000 depositors.

Interest charges on Treasury Branch loans are the lowest obtainable in Canada, and these loans are made for any legitimate purpose except long-term capital loans. The loaning policy is administered by a committee of four members, all highly trained and experienced in extending credit. The amount out on loan fluctuates with seasonal tendencies, but the average is around \$10,000,000.

Purchase and sale of foreign exchange, within the policy of the Foreign Exchange Control Board, is also among the functions of the Treasury Branches.

### Write Insurance

Other services include the issue of money orders, drafts, travellers' cheques, foreign remittances, transfers of money by mail or telegraph, collection of drafts for commercial enterprises, safekeeping of valuables either in sealed envelopes or safe-deposit boxes, cashing of cheques and the purchase and sale of stocks and bonds.

Beyond the ordinary field of banking the Treasury Branch services further include the writing of fire insurance for the Alberta General Insurance Company, a Crown corporation, and of hail insurance for the Alberta Hail Insurance Board, the issue of automobile, truck and drivers' licenses, and the collection of taxes for municipal districts, as well as many other personal services. All of these services are available at any of the Treasury Branches or sub-branches. The service offered at the agencies is necessarily more limited, although many of the agents are authorized to issue licenses, write insurance, and so forth.

### Loans Committee Meet

The Treasury Branch system is a division of the Provincial Treasury—hence the description, Treasury Branches—and operates under the provisions of The Treasury Branches Act. Its head office is at Edmonton and its chief executive officer the superintendent, A. K. Olive. Besides the head office staff, a loans committee with M. Campbell Fraser as chairman meets weekly to pass upon applications and to govern and control the loaning division. All members of this committee are men of considerable experience, ability and sound judgment who see to it that all loans are fully secured and each application given fair and impartial consideration.

There are 45 Treasury Branches in the Province, some of them with offshoots in the form of sub-branches and agencies. The sub-branch differs from the Treasury Branch mainly in this: that whereas the branch carries a full-time business, the sub-branch is open only on specified weekdays attended by two or more representatives of the branch who make the journey and return to their branch at the close of the business day. The manner of the agency's functioning has been already described.

### Four New Branches

More than 300 fully qualified and trained employees constitute the personnel of the Alberta Treasury Branches, all of them, including the agents, bonded. Adequate insurance is carried also against burglary and robbery.

Such is the confidence generated in the Treasury Branches and such is the satisfaction experienced since their establishment more than twelve years ago that urgent requests for the setting up of new branches are continually being received in Edmonton.

Four branches have been earmarked for opening during the coming year, although it is quite realized that this is inadequate to the need or even the demand. No one pretends that one Treasury Branch is sufficient for a city the size of Calgary or three for a place like Edmonton. The difficulty consists at present in enlisting candidates for senior staff appointments, experienced enough to take charge. As quickly as this can be traversed, new branches can be opened to meet the needs of communities now without service.

In the meantime, the system is backed by the better-than-sterling security of all the wealth and natural resources of this great Province.

**A. C. CHARTER, local agent**

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